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**DELTONA BANK ROBBERS INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY**

ORLANDO - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the indictment of two Orlando men in connection with the May 28, 2003 armed robbery of a Volusia County branch of Banco Popular. **NICK ANZOIL BAUSSAN**, 25, and **STEVE ABSALON**, 28, each faces charges of armed bank robbery (Count One) and carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence (Count Two). Count One of the indictment carries a maximum prison sentence of 25 years; Count Two carries a mandatory minimum prison term of 7 years consecutive to any other sentence.

The indictment alleges **BAUSSAN** and **ABSALON** robbed a Deltona branch of Banco Popular, obtaining more than \$4,400 in cash from the bank's employees by means of force, violence and intimidation. It is also alleged that during the offense, the pair carried a silver Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and

Explosives (ATF). United States Attorney Paul I. Perez is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials and calling our effort "Project Safe Neighborhoods - Operation HALT the Violence!" The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.

An indictment is merely an allegation that a crime has been committed. A defendant is presumed innocent until the entry of a guilty plea or until the defendant is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.